

## CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A battery pack for an electric power tool that comprises a tool housing with an electric motor arranged therein and a handle connected to the tool housing; the battery pack comprising:

a protective housing having a longitudinal center axis and a first end face and a second end face delimiting the protective housing in a longitudinal direction of the protective housing;

individual battery cells received in the protective housing;

wherein the protective housing has a first housing side provided with a receiving shoe, wherein the receiving shoe is configured for mechanical attachment to a free end of the handle of the power tool;

wherein the receiving shoe has electrical contacts configured to connect to electrical lines connected to the electric motor of the power tool;

wherein the protective housing has a second housing side arranged opposite the first housing side and providing a support surface extending substantially in the longitudinal direction,

wherein the protective housing has a configuration that is determined by the arrangement of the individual battery cells, wherein the individual battery cells in the protective housing are arranged in the longitudinal direction of the protective housing sequentially behind one another in two parallel rows determining a first portion of the protective housing and a first portion of the support surface, wherein ~~such that~~ the first and last individual battery cells of the two rows are positioned at the first and second end faces, respectively;

wherein a second portion of the protective housing and a second portion of the support surface are determined by at least one of the individual battery cells of each one of the two parallel rows arranged between the first and last individual battery cells, respectively, [is] being displaced by a displacement laterally outwardly relative to the longitudinal center axis such that a displaced row portion is formed and the support surface over a portion of the protective housing has a widened support surface portion so that the second portion of the support surface is wider than the first portion of the support surface

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in a direction transversely to the longitudinal center axis of the protective housing.

2. (currently amended) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein the ~~second portion widened support surface portion~~, when viewed in a plan view when the battery pack is arranged in a position of use on the power tool; is located in front of the receiving shoe.

3. (original) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein the receiving shoe is configured to completely receive an end of the handle.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein the individual battery cells together form a cross.

6. (original) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein twelve of the individual battery cells are provided and wherein six of the twelve individual battery cells are laterally displaced relative to the at least one row.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein ~~in the displaced row portion the individual battery cells are laterally displaced by a the displacement~~ laterally outwardly relative to the longitudinal center axis matches matching approximately half a diameter of the individual battery cells.

9. (currently amended) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein all of the individual battery cells of the battery pack [are] of identical size.

10. (currently amended) A battery pack for an electric power tool that comprises a tool housing with an electric motor arranged therein and a handle connected to the tool housing; the battery pack comprising:

a protective housing having a longitudinal center axis and a first end face and a second end face delimiting the protective housing in a longitudinal direction of the protective housing;

individual battery cells received in the protective housing;

wherein the protective housing has a first housing side provided with a receiving shoe, wherein the receiving shoe is configured for mechanical attachment to a free end of the handle of the power tool;

wherein the receiving shoe has electrical contacts configured to connect to electrical lines connected to the electric motor of the power tool;

wherein the protective housing has a second housing side arranged opposite the first housing side and providing a support surface extending substantially in the longitudinal direction;

wherein the protective housing has a configuration that is determined by the arrangement of the individual battery cells, wherein the individual battery cells in the protective housing are arranged parallel to the longitudinal direction of the protective housing sequentially behind one another in at least one row determining a first portion of the protective housing and a first portion of the support surface, wherein such that the first and last individual battery cells of the at least one row are positioned at the first and second end faces, respectively;

wherein a second portion of the protective housing and a second portion of the support surface are determined by at least one of the individual battery cells of each one of the at least one row arranged between the first and last individual battery cells, respectively, [is] being displaced laterally outwardly relative to the longitudinal center axis such that a displaced row portion is formed ~~and the support surface over a portion of the protective housing has a widened support surface portion~~ the second portion of the support surface is wider than the first portion of the support surface in a transverse direction transversely to the longitudinal center axis of the protective housing; and

wherein the displaced row portion provides a space for at least one additional individual battery cell so that two of the individual battery cells are positioned adjacent to one another in the transverse direction within the displaced row portion and the space.